



**Negro Publisher  
Named Receiver  
For Realty Firm**

Special Circuit Judge John R. Moremen named I. Willis Cole, publisher of the Louisville Leader, weekly Negro newspaper, receiver of the Mammoth Realty Company, Negro concern with holdings of \$54,000, when he was told it had had no meetings in fifteen years and that all its officers were dead.

Cole is to find out who the 600 stockholders of the company are and call a meeting before a court commissioner August 23 so they may establish their identity.

The action was taken at the request of E. C. Keister, 1927 Yale Drive, a stockholder, who said the concern was organized in 1919

"to promote business among Negroes in Louisville." Its assets consist of more than \$50,000 in real estate, some of it property on which rents are due, and \$4,000 in cash.

## Half Million Left By Numbers King

8-23-44

CHICAGO — (ANP) — A will amounting to more than \$500,000 was bequeathed to the wife and close kin of the late McKissack Jones, of Chicago sportsman, killed recently in an auto accident.

While "Mac," youngest of the three Jones boys, left a cash sum of \$210,000 to go out through specified channels, other personal effects, including jewelry, automobiles and jewelry. A nephew, Edward P. Jones, Jr., was bequeathed \$50,000 and the like, are valued at \$150,000. A recent opening of three safety boxes disclosed and additional \$5,000 in jewelry.

His wife, Mrs. Jean Jones, was willed \$10,000 cash and \$150,000 trust fund automobiles and jewelry. A nephew, Edward P. Jones, Jr., was bequeathed \$50,000 and the remainder of his estate goes to his mother, Mrs. Harr'et Jones. The two brothers, George and "Ed", were named trustees.

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Although the Jones boys accumulated their wealth since 1927, through the number rackets, in recent years they established several legitimate businesses which included a 5-10 cents store, a hotel, a bath house, cleaning establishments and a dairy chain.

## Contested Will Of Negro Is Upheld

## White men intermarry more frequently than women, say

11-6-44

How the tempo of the racial "melting pot" is increasing in Hawaii is brought out in a report by the Bureau of Vital Statistics in that territory for the fiscal year of 1943-44, summarized by the Korean Nation Herald in Honolulu.

During that period 32 per cent of the 4,987 marriages were between persons of different racial backgrounds, compared with 22 per cent in 1939-40. Almost 50 per cent of the Caucasian men married women of other races, but only 9 per cent of the Caucasian women entered into mixed marriages.

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Caucasian men married 371 part-Hawaiians, 189 Japanese, 77 Chinese, 65 Hawaiians, 51 Puerto Ricans, 48 Filipinos and 39 Koreans. Caucasian girls, when mar-

rying other than persons of their own race, married 39 part-Ha-Dr. Wiley Wilson, came to New York in 1906 and opened his hotel, a few years later.

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## LEAVES ESTATE Plainsdealer - Kansas City, Kan.

## TO GIRL FRIEND

8-11-44

LOUISVILLE, Aug. 11 (ANP) — Miss Lottie Bush, his friend for almost a quarter of a century, was bequeathed the entire estate of more than \$100,000 by Joe Buford, well known pool room operator, who died here May 3, and whose will was probated Wednesday.

The will made on April 5, just alone month before Buford's passing, held that Miss Bush deserved "all of his earthly goods because she has cared for and cheered me for more than 20 years."

The estate consisted in more than \$22,000 cash and the balance in real estate. The estimated \$109,000 value affixed on the estate is thought to be under the real value as Mr. Buford had money, deeds, diamonds, and other transactions in a number of banks and safety boxes.

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The will was contested by William Craig, of Uniontown, a brother, on the ground that at the time of its making Charlie Craig was of unsound mind and that undue influence was used upon him. Judge Jones held that none of these grounds of contest was proved by the evidence and he entered a judgment denying the contest and sustaining the validity of the will.

Under the terms of the will real estate in Montgomery County goes to a niece of the deceased, Annie Forniss, sole beneficiary.

W. T. Edwards and Roland J.

Hagood, Birmingham attorneys, represented the contestants while Edwin I. Hatch and Jack Crenshaw, Montgomery, represented the proponents of the will. Walter J. Knabe was appointed by the court as the guardian ad litem to represent minors and soldiers interested in the will.

Mr. Wilson, 67 and a native of Pine Bluff, Ark., had been separated from his wife, Beatrice, for the past 15 years.

When the will was filed for probate Tuesday, lawyers representing the estate revealed

that Miss Beryl Currie, owner of the Hotel Currie, would share in the estate. Miss Currie's share was estimated at \$25,000.

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## Masons Purchase \$60,000 Headquarters

Age - New York, N.Y.

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The above picture is the new Masonic activities. Prince Hall Masonic headquarters Louis Fair, Jr., is M. W. grand master and Sidonia M. Fray, R. W. grand secretary.

## HARLEM HOTEL OWNER Tribune - Savannah, Ga.

## LEAVES \$50,000

8-31-44

NEW YORK, Aug 24 (ANP) — An estate valued at \$50,000 was left by the late Ed Wilson, owner of the Hotel Olga, who died recently purchased at the cost of

\$60,000. It will have its official opening on Labor Day. The masons moved into the William McKinley Temple last Saturday from their old home at 237 West

120th street. The new building is equipped with all modern conveniences, recreational facilities, representing the estate revealed

## Apex Company Purchases Million-Dollar Hotel

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**Hotel Brigantine**, at Brigantine, N.J., a twelve-story structure (top view) of 250 rooms, which was purchased last week by the Apex Hair and News Company of Atlantic City. Below are the officers of the company. Left to right: Mme. Sara S. Washington, founder and president; Archie Morgan, vice-president and general manager; Mrs. William Gosnell, treasurer, and William Gosnell, legal advisor.

In the winter of 1942, a Father Divine Angel walked into Brigantine island and reportedly put down \$70,000 cash to purchase the hotel. At this time the owners were anxious to sell because they were losing on their investment made ten years before.

In complete resentment of the Divine acquisition of the hotel, many of the white residents pooled their interests and offered to buy the hotel back. Father Divine agreed to sell only if the residents would pay him \$500,000.

He asserted that he was not willing to sell, but if they simply wanted to have the hotel back, that they could, for the value that it was worth to his followers and that was \$500,000.

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Tried Jim Crow

Unable to swing this deal, the residents approached the situation in hope of jim-crowing the group from the island. The first step in this direction was to condemn and tear down the boardwalk adjacent to the hotel. Following this the municipality assessed the hotel at the amount of \$500,000 in hope that the increased taxes would drive the group out.

The Divine angels carried the case before the New Jersey tax board and virtually won a victory when the board ruled that the assessment should not be more than \$117,000. This issue currently ended when Father Divine leased the hotel to the government aiding the war effort. *9/6/44*

Has Own Schools  
Brigantine is a modern town with ideal paved roads and sidewalks, affords bus transportation, maintains its own schools, has three voting districts, elects its mayor and other city commissioners and its residents, until now completely white, run from a judge of the State court, a State health commissioner, to many of the wealthy rich.

There are taverns and nite clubs and a casino one-half mile at sea. Some swanky homes cost more than \$10,000 to build.

All of this promises to be left for the use of colored Americans because whites have already begun to vacate Brigantine. This action appears to be the final chapter in a long fight on racial equality which developed with the Father Divine purchase of the Hotel Brigantine.

# 83-Year Old Negro Educator Leaves Raleigh \$1,000 In Will

9-2-44

el, RALEIGH, N. C.—(ANP)—  
Dr. Edward Johnson, 83, who  
died recently in New York City,  
named the city of Raleigh in his  
will for the sum of \$1,000, ac-  
cording to City Treasurer Rob-  
ert C. Powell, last week.

Dr. Johnson, born a slave at the Sylvester Smith mansion here, was a prominent educator, attorney and author. He owned considerable property in this city. At one time he was assistant district attorney here and a member of the board of aldermen.

The legacy was announced through the office of the city treasurer when he received a letter from Harry G. Bragg, New York City lawyer. The letter said that the money was left for the city with the treasurer as trustee and that the will is now filed at the surrogate's court awaiting probate.

City Atty. Philip Busbee, now  
vacationing in New York City,  
was authorized by airmail letter  
by City Clerk J. E. Sawyer to  
act as representative of the city  
in the probation of the will.

# Geaves M. D. Medic

lived quietly at his new address, is the acquaintance he made 27 years ago when an elevator in an office building where Miss ~~she~~ is said to have been obtaining his name.

# White Woman Defended Estate To Be 6-10-44

Miss Shattuck, a member of the honors. The brother of Ver-  
nous Shattuck family of Ver-  
mont state, bequeathed only \$100 to served notice that he would contest  
his brother, Dr. George L. Shat-  
tuck, prominent and wealthy phy-  
sician of Providence, R. I.  
Dr. Hays, who practiced  
and admitted to probate by Judge Fred-  
erick J. Dillon. Miss Shattuck  
Tufts Medical college here with  
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# Million-Dollar Atlantic City Hotel Bought By Apex Hair Company



Twelve-story brick and stone structure, consisting of 250 rooms, located in Brigantine, N. J., three miles from Atlantic City, and was bought from Father Divine and his followers who acquired the structure, which will be operated as a first-class hostelry, is located in Brigantine, N. J., three miles from Atlantic City, and was bought from Father Divine and his followers who acquired the structure early in 1942 but who leased it to the United States government which is now using the structure as a Naval School for specialized training.

In the lower photo are officers of the corporation which purchased

the building. Reading left to right: Mme. Sara S. Washington, founder and president; Archie Morgan, vice-president and general manager; Mrs. William Gosnell, treasurer, and Attorney William Gosnell, legal advisor.

## Apex Company Buys Million-Dollar Atlantic City Hotel From Divine; 12-Story Structure Has 250 Rooms

*Age — New York, N.Y.* **9-16-44** structure by Madame Washington is looked upon with great enthusiasm. It is reported that the hotel was built and furnished at a cost of \$1,500,000.00 about ten years ago. Were the structure to be built today, the cost would be well over \$2,000,000.00. It is the largest, most modern and luxuriously furnished hotel ever owned by Negroes and it is said that it will be operated as a firstclass hostelry catering to

The hotel, a stately twelve story brick and stone structure consisting of 250 rooms, each with a space will not permit the description of the many facilities which are as follows: 250 expensively furnished rooms, each with private ocean beach and a \$50,000 a modernistic tile bath with sunken tub and shower for both fresh and salt water baths, telephone in each room. The large airy rooms are luxuriously furnished including Simmons Innerspring mattress beds and expensive rugs.

The hotel was purchased last week from Father Divine and his followers, who had acquired the structure early in 1942. Father Divine operated the hotel as a Peacock tail bar and spacious lounge. There is also a coffee shop with its main floor has a modernistic cocktail bar and spacious lounge. There is also a coffee shop with its individual kitchen, a four chair bar it to the United States Government shop and a complete beauty

ment who is now using the structure for specialized training.

It is said that the Navy has spent approximately \$75,000 in maintenance improvements and it is reported that the building and its surroundings offer some of the most comfortable and unique recreational facilities to be found along the Atlantic Seaboard. Father Divine is said to have held the hotel only because he has found another more appropriate place in New Jersey to carry on his church work.

**9-16-44**  
First Class Hotel

The purchase of this magnificent

## Wins \$62,500 *Informant — Houston, Texas* For Accident

BIRMINGHAM — (APN) — Damages totaling \$62,500 for personal injury were awarded Wednesday to Private Jesse Lewis of Dallas, by a jury in Judge Whit Windham's court, believed to be the highest sum ever accorded a Negro in Alabama by a district court.

Lewis was injured while on furlough from Greenville, S. C., at the time of his accident, which occurred when a Greyhound bus on which he

was a passenger collided with an A. B. and C. train on September 8, 1943. His injuries resulted in amputation of his right leg. Clifford Ed. 7-Atty. told the jury that Lewis had been confined to a government hospital since the accident.

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of Mrs. Simmons, is for a like purpose, preferably her higher education. **9-9-44** CHARLOTTE, N.C. — PROVISION for a trust fund for Johnson

Also bequeathed to Mrs. Thompson, whom he named as executrix and who will serve as trustee, was any inheritance which may be due him from the estate of his sister, now being administered in California for a trust fund for Johnson Smith University to carry on children's community club, which she began ten years ago, was contained in the will of Mrs. Mary McCrorey, late wife of the president of the school. Others to share in the estate are Mrs. N. G. Johnson, his widow, and his son, Dr. W. C. Johnson.

The widow is to use this inheritance, if any, for the erection of a memorial arched doorway to the Stovall Tuberculosis Hospital in Los Angeles in memory of his sister. Mrs. McCrorey, who lost her life in a fire which destroyed the McCrorey home on January 13, and her sister, Mrs. J. J. Harris, and niece, Mrs. Georgia B. Gilbert, both of Athens, Ga. **5-13-4**

All Real Estate to Widow Husband Executor  
In the will, dated April 22, Dr. Mrs. Harris receives a house and

In the will, dated April 23, Dr. Mrs. Harris receives a house and lot in Athens and 50 per cent of the net value of the personal property. Thompkins stated that he had made adequate provisions for his widow by naming her the beneficiary. Mrs. Gilbert receives a house and lot in Augusta, Ga., and 12.5 per cent of the net value of the personal property. Dr. Thompson has acquired either to her personal property.

The school receives a house and lot in Charlotte and  $37\frac{1}{2}$  per cent.

He left her, however, the ~~resi~~ of the net value of the personal property which will constitute the trust fund. Her husband, D.

In addition to the life insurance policies, according to the petition for probate of the will, the estate includes the following items:

includes retirement deductions totaling \$2,500, unpaid salary, \$80 and a Lincoln automobile valued at \$1,000.

His debts, totaling \$1,529.66 were listed as follows: Income tax \$266.59; hospital bill, \$424.27; insurance, \$133.80, and funeral expenses, \$745. **Million Dollars** 8-26-44

queathed to the wife and close kin of the late McKissack Jones, Chicago Sportsman, killed recently in an auto accident.

While "Mac," youngest of the three Jones boys, left a cash sum of \$210,000 to go out through specific bequests, the channels, other personal effects, in Amsterdam News learned this week included jewelry and automobiles. Harry G. Bragg, attorney for the nephew, Edward P. Jones, Jr., who prepared the final bequeathings, disclosed that the estate was valued at \$150,000. A recent opening of three safety boxes disclosed that Mr. Bragg had been retained to complete an additional bequest.

Mr. Bragg declined to comment on an additional \$5,000 in jewelry, further, except to deny that the His wife, Mrs. Jean Jones, was city of Raleigh, N. C., was included in the will \$10,000 cash and 150,000 trust fund, which will be used for the benefit of the wife and the two sons.

It had been reported by the nephew, Edward P. Jones, Jr., who fund, automobiles and jewelry. Associated Negro Press (ANP) that bequeathed \$50,000 and the remainder of his estate goes to his City Treasurer Robert C. Powell, of Raleigh, had told reporters that mother, Mrs. Harriet Jones. The New York's first Negro Assemblyman had allotted \$1000 to the city where he was born of slave two brothers, George and "Ed," were named trustees.

where he was born a slave. Actually, Mr. Brigg said Tuesday, the money referred to was left for the First Congregational Church of Raleigh and Shaw University, one of the southern city's leading educational institutions.

Details of the will are expected to be made public Friday when it is filed in Surrogate's Court. It is understood, however, that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is included in the will.

# Dr. Thompsons Afro American Left \$23,000 Baltimore, Md. Estate Consists Chiefly of Insurance 9-9-44

## WIFE BENEFICIARY

## Secretary Is Given Check for \$500

## WASHINGTON

Dr. William J. Thompkins, recorder of deeds in the District of Columbia, who died August 4, left an estate valued at approximately \$23,500, composed mainly of two \$10,000 life insurance policies, the bulk of the money going to his widow.

Other bequests include \$5,000 each to his two daughters and his granddaughter in three trust funds, all bequeathed to the widow, Mrs. Jessie F. Thompkins; \$50 each to Sara, Inez and Iantha Ramsey, and \$150 to Anna Freeman for dental work he had promised her.

Mrs. Bettye B. La Rue, secretary to the late recorder for ten years, although not named in the will, received \$500 in a personal gift by check, she told AFRO reporters.

### Strings to Trust Fund

Under terms of the trust fund created in behalf of his daughter, Mrs. Helen T. Simmons, who is to receive \$80 a month until principal and interest are exhausted, should she attempt to assign mortgage or transfer her interest in any installment not due, the bequest becomes null and void, the fund reverting to her mother.

The trust fund created for the other daughter, Marian, 16, is designed to provide for her education, and the similar sum for the granddaughter, Barbara, daughter

# McCrorey Estate